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**PSC TO HOLD HEARING NOVEMBER 1 ON QWEST’S PLAN
TO DEREGULATE NUMEROUS TELEPHONE OFFERINGS**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing in Helena on Wednesday, November 1, concerning Qwest’s assertion that a long list of Qwest telephone offerings should be deregulated because Qwest claims they fall outside the definition of “regulated telecommunications service” as defined by Montana law. A service that is deregulated is no longer subject to PSC rate and service regulation.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the PSC’s Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue.

Qwest contends that the following categories of telephone features, listings and services packages should no longer be regulated by the PSC:

- Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) offerings, such as Caller ID, call blocking, last call return, continuous redial, call rejection, and call trace.
- Custom calling and advanced network features, such as call forwarding, call waiting, custom ringing, hunting, speed calling, three-way calling, call curfew, and remote access forwarding.
- Directory listing services, such as additional listings, nonpublished and nonlisted listings, and informational listings.
- Service packages, such as custom calling packages and various Qwest Custom Choice packages.

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving technical evidence and public comment for consideration by the Commission.

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